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2000**TOWN OF SHARON****SPECIAL TOWN MEETING****MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2000****8:00 P.M.**

**Meeting at Sharon High School
Arthur E. Collins - Auditorium
Sharon High School, Pond Street**

OPEN WARRANT MEETING**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2000****8:00 P.M.**

**Sharon Town Offices
Hearing Room (Lower Level)**

*INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL ARTICLES***PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO THE MEETING**

Registered voters of Sharon planning to attend this meeting
needing an ALS (American Sign Language) interpreter are
urged to call the Selectmen's Office - 784-1515

**YOU MUST BE A REGISTERED VOTER TO
ATTEND THIS MEETING**

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TOWN OF SHARON

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Sharon, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at the Sharon High School on Pond Street in said Sharon on Monday, the 24th of January 2000, at 8:00 P.M., and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to meet the unpaid Special Education Tuition expenses for Fiscal Year 1999 incurred by the School Department, or take any other action related thereto.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this article allows the Town to appropriate \$62,520 to pay for unpaid Special Education Tuition expenses incurred by the School Department in Fiscal Year 1999.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote 9-0-1

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Standing Building Committee, as established in Article 25 of the 1997 Annual Town Meeting, for construction, originally equipping and furnishing a library/media center at either the East Elementary School or the Cottage Street School, as such location is determined by the School Department, including without limitation financial estimates, design, engineering and architectural services for plans and specifications and construction of such project; to determine whether this appropriation shall be by borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action related thereto. This appropriation is to supplement the funds appropriated under Article 9B of the 1999 Annual Town Meeting.

STANDING BUILDING COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this article will allow the Town of Sharon to borrow \$680,000 to supplement previously approved spending for the design, construction and furnishing of a library/media center. This library/media center will be situated at the Cottage Street Elementary School, as previously determined by the School Committee, and will replace the current, aging, temporary library space.

This appropriation will supplement the \$650,000 previously approved at the 1999 May Town Meeting. This original estimate was presented with insufficient information available under a very short timeframe. Since that time, the Town's Standing Building Committee has had the opportunity to review the needs of this project and undertake a comprehensive study. Their determination was that this additional appropriation will provide sufficient funding to construct a library/media center at Cottage Street School that will meet the requirements of the School Committee.

This project will use conventional construction, as approved at the May 1999 Town Meeting. This type of construction was widely chosen over modular construction after an extended debate prior to and during the May 1999 Town Meeting.

This project was presented to both the Capital Outlay Committee and the Finance Committee. Both Committees gave the project unanimous approval.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote 9-0-1.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the appropriation under the account created by Article 24 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting to pay for the costs of architectural services for plans and specifications and construction management for the renovation/new construction of the High School, for the costs of remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to and the costs of constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition to the High School; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise. The High School Expansion Building Committee is authorized as the Committee to oversee the design and the development of this project and to enter into and execute agreements in furtherance thereof. The need for such additional funds is to meet unanticipated borrowing costs, legal costs of the project, and for the construction costs related to the force main from the Town Recreation Facility at the Massapoag Lake

the project, and for the construction costs related to the force main from the Town Recreation Facility at the Massapoag Lake Beach to the High School Wastewater Treatment Plant, or take any other action related thereto.

HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION BUILDING COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this Article allows the Town to Borrow \$62,000 to pay for unanticipated costs of the High School Expansion Project. \$40,000 is for the borrowing costs of the project and \$22,000 is for a force main connecting the High School septic system to the lakeside system. These costs have already been incurred and are 2/3 eligible for reimbursement by the state as part of the High School Expansion Project.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote 9-0-1

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the School Committee for reconstructing and for making extraordinary repairs to the roof at the High School and for costs and expenses related thereto, including, without limitation, engineering and other costs associated with a study of such roof; to determine whether this appropriation shall be by borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action related thereto.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this Article allows the Town to borrow \$47,000 to pay for the cost of an engineering study and the repairs necessary to fix the roof of the High School. The cost of the study (\$8,745) is eligible for 2/3 reimbursement by the state as part of the High School Expansion Project. The cost for the repairs (\$38,255) may also be reimbursable under the same program.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote 9-0-1

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the same in accordance with the Town By-Laws.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Give under our hands this 2nd day of December, 1999

JANIS EDINBURGH, CHAIR

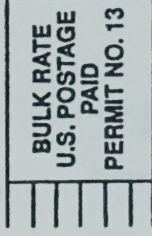
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A True Copy: JOSEPH S. BERNSTEIN, Constable
Sharon, Massachusetts Date: December 2, 1999

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